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A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

Nothing short of a thorough investigation into the Senatorial bribery scandal will satisfy the people of Delaware. Never have citizens of this State been so indignant at the additional disgrace of corruption charged in her legislative halls as they are to-day. They demand an investigation that shall cover every charge, every rumor. The TRANSCRIPT would not make political capital out of the situation, it is too serious to recall the failure to convict in a single instance for bribery at our general elections when the charges and counter charges have been almost innumerable. The evil has climbed higher according to the almost universal belief of the people and the demand is that every man with the least knowledge against either the bribe-giver or the bribe-taker should impart that information to the proper authorities. No honest citizen can afford to be silent in this matter having valuable information. If necessary the authorities should summon every member of the Assembly to testify as to his knowledge. This is no reflection upon the integrity or honor of the members, but only that the authorities may have the truth and the whole truth. The people anxiously await the official investigation.

The newspapers of the State, excepting the Addicks contingent and certain Wilmington papers which swing from one side to another of a question, speak with no uncertain sound upon the subject. They denounce treachery and demand investigation. Upon our first page this week will be found numerous editorial comments from our exchanges. There is therein more of patriotism and less of partisanship than usually appears in party papers. And the editors are keeping up the fire, indicating the popular feeling. We quote from the mid-weekly issue of the "Delawarean":

"There can be no question that public sentiment demands an investigation, if we can have the right kind of investigation. But if any investigation is to be undertaken it should be thorough. Public opinion is already sufficiently pronounced in regard to the three unfortunate men who openly betrayed their party and violated their trust on the last day of the session of the Legislature. But there have been ugly rumors about other members of the Legislature and about Democrats and Republicans who are not members of the Legislature. All charges and insinuations, no matter who may be affected by them, should be thoroughly sifted and the truth laid bare."

"An investigation to have any value must be thorough, and in order to make such an investigation the Attorney General in all probability would need considerable funds. If such an investigation can be made we are heartily in favor of it and are willing to aid. But we insist that any investigation ought to be thorough and complete. Every guilty man should be exposed and punished."

"We believe that a partial and incomplete investigation would be worse than none. The accused would all rejoice at an unsuccessful investigation and hail it as a vindication."

"There ought to be no trouble to raise in this State the amount of money needed for a proper investigation. We do not assume to say how much is needed; that is a matter for the Attorney General to determine. But we do believe that a large sum may be necessary. There are a number of men of large means in this State, especially in the City of Wilmington, in both parties opposed to corrupt politics, who in our opinion would respond liberally to a proper appeal for financial assistance in securing a thorough investigation."

"The matter ought not to be bedropped for lack of funds of any other cause. Let us have an investigation, and let it be thorough and impartial."

Upon this line the Dover Index ably edited and with an ardent that burns with patriotism, speaks directly to the point. It says:

"The cry of the hour is for an investigation of the scandal of the thirteenth of this month. Not for the three traitors, but for others implicated with them."

"An enormous impression was at first current that no law existed in this State for the judicial punishment of such offenders, but this has been completely set right by the indisputable fact that no statute is necessary for the conviction of such an offense; what is known as the common law being all sufficient for this purpose."

"This being well established, it goes without saying that a thorough investigation must be had. Nevertheless, no investigation will prove fruitful of results unless all good men lead to the State officials their individual aid and assistance."

"Rumor persistently insists that other legislators were offered bribes for their votes. If this be true, those legislators have but one thing to do; to divulge all the facts to the proper officers. It is not simply proper that they should do this; it is more; it is their clear and imperative duty."

"This is no time for polite standing on ceremony, and entertaining nice scruples as to one's own feelings. The people of this State have fights. They desire and demand that all implicated in the foul plot should be laid by the heels, and those hold it even the slightest evidence must perform their duty by making the proper announcement of the same."

THE NEW CORPORATION LAW.

The "Smyrna Call" which is something of an independent, free-silver lance in the Democratic party asserts that the corporation law passed by the General Assembly was in response to the clamor for legislation on that line. It says:

"We venture to predict that when our people fully understand that Delaware, once so chary and jealous of her good name and fame, has at last thrown open her doors to all the fraudulent trust schemes and machinations of the world that there will be a cry of indignation. New Jersey, as is generally known, has disgraced herself by a rotten corporation law. In that State last year a score of illegal trust companies, with a billion dollars aggregated capital, representing all parts of the Union, were chartered. It is a scheme raised to money for the State and is as false and wicked as the bottomless pit. But our new law is said to be even more inviting than the Jersey law, and our newspapers are gloating over the prospect of drawing much unsavory business away from our sister State."

We would like to know what sort of figures we will make next year in a campaign against the rascally trust companies, after inviting them to Delaware with the lowest and most respectable law in all the States. It is certainly most begin to dawn on the dullness of that Delaware is going down hill. The great name that was once our boast is a fading recollection, and our corporation law carries our business fully up abreast our politics. Mr. Addicks will need to beat himself to keep our politics in fair line with our business."

Now the single entire merit which the Wilmington papers claim for the new law is that it will bring us money. And the entire excuse which the man who sells his vote gives is that it will give him money. If money and only money is our trade why not let somebody like Thompson have a race track and pools near Wilmington. That could be worked for money enough to run the State. A race track would only harm the people who attend it, but these trust organizations invade every home and darken every hearth. Since our law went into effect a firm has opened in Wilmington a brokerage business for the sale of corporation shares. Our great seal is to be hawked from Maine to California. All the vermin of creation are invited to Delaware, pay their money and take away license to sell the devil or buy him. They can take away all they can pay for. It makes no difference about the business; give us the money and name your own license."

GOVERNOR TUNNELL is taking time to consider some of the hasty legislation passed during the last few hours of the Assembly. He has until April 13th, or thirty days after the Legislature's adjournment, in which to either sign or veto. Among these is the Water Bill for Wilmington reducing rates to consumers 40 per cent. It is believed that the governor is not satisfied that the effects of this bill will be as beneficial as his enthusiastic advocates make it appear on paper.

Perhaps the most surprising is a Senate bill that had passed both houses and was signed by both speakers, on the last day of the session. This bill was nothing more nor less than a measure providing for an annual fee or license of \$500 to sell pools or engage in the lottery business or any other form of gambling in this State. The measure passed under the cloak of being a fine for a violation of the law of gambling, in accordance with a section of the new Constitution prohibiting gambling in this State. The text of the bill is as follows:

"That if any persons shall violate any of the provisions of Section 17 of Article 2, of the amended Constitution of this State, he, she or it shall be fined, after conviction thereof, a sum not exceeding \$500 in any one year."

EVERY day now the daily papers give notice of voluntary increase of wages by manufacturers. The following are samples clipped from the first page of that reliable Democratic paper, the Philadelphia Record, of Wednesday:

INCREASED PAY FOR STEEL WORKERS.
Cleveland, O., March 21.—The Outfit Steel Company, of this city, will advance the wages of about six hundred of its employees five per cent., commencing May 1. The increase is made voluntarily on the part of the company.

AN ADVANCE FOR FOUNDRY MEN.
Cincinnati, O., March 21.—The John B. Morris Foundry Company has notified its employees that beginning March 27 wages of bench molders will be increased from \$13.50 to \$15 per week, and of floor molders from \$15 to \$16.50, and there will be 10 per cent. advance on piece work.

Though these welcome items have been increasing for weeks and months the "calamity howlers" among our exchanges, which told of reductions of wages, most faithfully, almost gleefully, have failed to catch on the cheering news. Strange!

EVIDENTLY the Rev. J. S. Willis' faith has been strengthened since he penned his excellent letter in reference to the Senatorial situation. He will not be so lonely as he thought. Report comes from Bridgeville of a movement to throw overboard disappointing leadership and to have a true Republican party, a Lincoln Republican party as Mr. Willis puts it. His letter taken in full from the "News and Advertiser" appears on the first page of this issue.

Burglars broke into the residence of the late James Merry, on East Main street Elkhart on Tuesday night and stole nearly all of the furniture and household articles. They gained an entrance by breaking open the back door, and it is evident that they had a wagon with them on the side street which passes the residence. The goods had been advertised for auction to-day.

KENT COUNTY.

George W. Jones, of Maryland, was taken to the State Hospital at Farnhurst a few days ago.

George M. Flach, of Trenton, N. J., has bought the Bowers Beach Hotel and beach front for \$10,000, and the beach will be opened to Frederick's trolley, and with Philadelphia by a line of steamers.

Mrs. Mary A. Collins, widow of the late Frank Collins died suddenly at her residence in Smyrna, on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Collins had not been sick and her death was a shock to the community. The cause was apoplexy.

John Brown, a 11-year-old boy of Jones Neck, near Dover, met with a serious accident while playing with powder. When he was trying some experiment, when the powder exploded. One of his fingers was blown off and another so badly injured that it was later amputated. The hand was badly burned and lacerated.

C. F. Murphy, of Farmington, a student at the Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, has been expelled. Professor Bidette had been accused of breaking up the social hour and the door of his room was battered down. The Professor considered this as only a college prank but Principal Collins thought otherwise. An investigation followed with the above result. Murphy disclaimed all connection with the occurrence. But discipline was one thing and that must be maintained at the Academy and Murphy was expelled.

LOCAL OPTICIAN BILL KILLED.

There was more or less excitement caused in the Senate when Senator John Abbott, of the Fifth District of Kent County, requested permission to withdraw his name from the local optician bill. Senator Abbott several weeks ago signed the petition which brought before the Legislature the bill submitting the question of local optician for Kent County to the people of this county for settlement. The Act passed the House and came up in the Senate, when Mr. Abbott surprised his friends by acting as he did. This action, of course, meant death for the bill, and the friends of the measure therefore fought stubbornly against the adoption of the Kent County Senator's motion. So determined a stand Senator Maull, chair man of the committee on temperance, took against Mr. Abbott, that Abbott withdrew his motion and substituted one to deposit Senator Maull from the chairmanship of the committee. This motion created a greater sensation than the previous one, and in a second time it was carried. Mr. Abbott then struck his name from the petition and President Salmon a few minutes later appointed Senator Blakely to the chairmanship of the temperance committee. Senator Abbott has been severely criticised for the part he took in defeating this bill. The voters throughout the county want a chance to vote on the local optician question, feeling that it would be a benefit to the county, and while it is no doubt true that those who want liquor to drink can generally devise some plan to secure the whisky, yet if the local optician law was passed in this county it would keep a certain element from drinking as they could not get the stuff if it were not openly sold in their community—Smyrna Call.

MY MARYLAND.

S. J. Seneca is enlarging his canning factory at Havre de Grace, and will employ additional hands.

Carroll Goldsborough has resigned as cashier of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank at Easton, being succeeded by William G. Denny.

Five hundred workmen were engaged in removing the ice and debris from the tracks of the Columbia & Port Deposit Railroad after the recent flood.

Chas. D. Devalinger sold his thoroughbred running horses at his stables in Elkhart on Thursday. He says there is no money in the business for him.

Willard S. Cutbage has been appointed agent at Henderson, on the Delaware & Chesapeake railway to succeed C. E. McIlwaine, resigned on account of ill health. Joseph S. Cooper has been appointed to succeed Mr. Cutbage at Chapel, on the same railroad.

Postmaster Adkins Salisbury has finally decided to put the rural free delivery in operation about April 15. The two routes decided upon cover about forty-seven square miles. H. P. Collins has been appointed carrier of route No. 1, and John Green carrier of route No. 2. The compensation in each case will be \$400 per year.

The March term of the Circuit Court for Cecil county, convened in Elkhart, at 10 o'clock on Monday last. One of the important cases that will likely be tried is the Naundin will case. Judge Walters, in the Circuit Court for Hartford county, on Saturday, sentenced Robert Robinson, colored, to serve a term of five years in the Maryland Penitentiary for the killing of James Hill, also colored, which occurred in Havre de Grace, December 3rd. last. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Probably the most brutal murder ever committed within the borders of Prince Georges county, was the fiendish killing by Miss Amanda Clarke by a negro boy named John Berry, and the terrible mutilation of her sister, Miss Annie, at the home of the ladies near Bowie, last Saturday evening. The negro, who had been raised by the ladies, attacked them while they were at supper, using a bill of wood as a weapon. Berry was arrested and taken to the Baltimore City jail to await lynching at the hands of an outraged populace.

Christopher Hoffman, of Rock Hall was brought to Chestertown jail last Wednesday, charged with having made a vicious assault upon his wife with a heavy axe. Mrs. Hoffman was a young and muscular made a vigorous defense, and escaped serious injury. Hoffman was at one time owner of a valuable boating and oystering interest and a good citizen. His mind became affected, and the accumulation of money is the one absorbing idea of his mind. He stated his wife broke ninety-nine plates over his head in one day, and can make seven dresses in one single day, at a profit of \$30.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The United States Consul at Turpan, Mexico, says that fortunes are to be made in the cultivation of the vanilla bean in Mexico.

The output of gold in the United States in 1898 was more than twice that of 1890, and the production of gold in the world in 1897, at the lowest estimate, was much more than twice the estimated production of 1890.

Rudolph Fabi, the Austrian astronomer, names November 14, 1899, as the date on which the world will come to an end by violent contact with Biela's comet, the same body which, according to prediction, was to have annihilated us in 1832.

The Legislature of California after balloting 104 times adjourned on Saturday without electing a U. S. Senator. Utah and Delaware did the same thing, and it now looks as if Pennsylvania would be the 4th State with only one Senator in the next Congress. Utah's legislature is Democratic, the others are Republican.

Norway recently enacted a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to youths under 16 years without signed orders from adults. The police are empowered to confiscate the pipes, cigars and cigarettes of youths who smoke in public streets, a fine for the offense being likewise imposed, which may be anywhere from 50 cents to \$25.

Mrs. Martha Place, who murdered her step-child in Brooklyn, New York, and attempted to kill her husband, died in the electric chair at Sing Sing last Monday. Sensitive efforts were made to induce Governor Roosevelt to commute the sentence, but his excellency refused on the ground that the law knows no sex. She was the first woman to be legally executed by means of electricity in the history of the country.

The burning of the Windsor hotel in New York on Friday, being lashed up by the fire as though it had been a tinder box, naturally produced a horror everywhere as to the safety of hotels. There were over 300 guests in the house, and notwithstanding the fire was in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, at least 16 persons lost their lives and 40 or 50 were injured. It is believed to have been the work of thieves who intended to plunder while the flames existed, but who did not expect the hotel to burn down. Its tendency will be to require that city hotels shall be fire proof.

The death of Benjamin P. Hutchinson at Chicago, who was familiarly known as "Old Hutch," removes a strange character from America. Hutchinson never appears to have gained the respect of any one. He was passionately enamored of the almighty dollar, and he was never troubled with any scruples in his manner of pursuing it. That he possessed business abilities of a high order is undoubted, but those abilities were never applied to noble or worthy ends. Money was his god, and profit, no matter how acquired, the scheme of his existence.

As is always the case of such men, when old age and poverty overtook him he found himself without friends or sympathy. He died in poverty.

On the whole the greatest of the curiosities which I saw in the East, says Bishop Foss, is the "working elephant" of Burma. Every visitor to Ragoon is told that the two great sides there are the world-renowned pagoda and the working elephants. These huge beasts are employed chiefly in getting lumber out of the forests and in about the sawmills. We saw them pull long slabs, two or three at a time, out from the floors where the saw had dropped them, drag them long distances and put them into piles. But by far the most interesting part of their work was the piling up of great timbers sawed square, from 16 to 22 inches on a side, and 35 feet long, weighing two or three tons each. Two elephants generally worked at one timber, and they put them into a large pile, which, when completed, was 12 feet high.

A. B. Peters, of Cando, N. D., was in St. Paul recently en route to the East says The Pioneer Press, where he will gather a colony of between 4000 and 5000 immigrants, who will congregate at Chicago and leave for their new homes in North Dakota on April 20. This colony will be the largest that has yet been brought to the Northwest, and will require four full trains to transport them, in addition to perhaps a hundred cars to move their effects. These people are largely composed of Dunkards, although there is a large sprinkling of other denominations among them. They come from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, and will be located along the Great Northern in the Mouse River Valley, scattering out in the vicinity of Cando, Rollo, Tower and Willow City, west of Devils Lake.

An Easter Outing.
The fourth of the present series of peregrinations conducted tours to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, April 1, affording a delightful Easter outing.

Tickets including transportation, meals en route in both directions, transfer of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, in fact, every necessary expense for a period of six days—will be sold at the rate of \$30.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and New York; \$32.00 from Philadelphia, and \$31.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.

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Tickets to Old Point Comfort only, including luncheon on going trip, and one three-fourths days' board at that place, and coach to return direct by express train, within six days, will be sold in connection with this tour at rate of \$15.00 from New York; \$18.00 from Trenton; \$12.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket Agent, Tourist Agent, 1126 Broadway, New York; 780 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

San Francisco and Return.
One fare for the round trip, National Baptist's Anniversary, May 20-30, 1899, tickets on sale May 14, 15, 16, and 17, good to return until July 15th. For full particulars call on or address John B. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., 480 William St., Williamsport, Pa., or 300 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Philadelphia, Monday, March 20, 1899.

Women's Spring Suits \$7.50, \$10 and \$12. Interested? This word of some very pretty new suits. Spring suits—which means right in weight for wear until July heat drives you to thinner garb.

At \$7.50—Suits of cheviot serge—admiral (which is navy blue) and black. Fly front coat lined with firm but inextensible satin; five-gore skirt, cambric lined.

At \$10—Suits of finer serge, same colors, fly front coat with round dip front; full lined with black silk. Seven-gore skirt, percale lined; velvet bound.

At \$12—Suits of same material; the Eton coat with facing of black silk that forms revers. The coat is full silk lined. Skirt has panel front, with piping of black; trimmed with small buttons and satin girdle at waist. Lined with percale.

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Of cloths adapted to tailor-made costumes there are elaborate showings in Broadcloths, Doublets, Kerseys, Camel's Hair, Cheviots, Donagels, Galashiels, Venetians, Tweeds, Herringbones.

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1 lb. Arbuckle's Coffee.....	12c	1 lb. Arbuckle's Coffee.....	12c
1 Package Corn Starch.....	5c	1 Package Corn Starch.....	5c
1 lb. Clear Starch.....	5c	1 lb. Clear Starch.....	5c
1 lb. Rice.....	8c	1 lb. Rice.....	8c
1 lb. Pepper.....	5c	1 lb. Pepper.....	5c
1 lb. Washing Soda.....	2c	1 lb. Washing Soda.....	2c
1 Bottle Baking Powder.....	5c	1 Bottle Baking Powder.....	5c

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.
Benedictine M. E. Church—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, pastor. Sabbath school, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. A. G. Cox, superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Junior League, every Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Epworth League, every Sunday morning, 10:30 o'clock. Young People's Society, first Thursday night of each month. Miss Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting, first Friday afternoon of each month at 8:30 o'clock.
First Presbyterian Church—Rev. F. H. Moore, pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath school, held every Sabbath morning at 9:15 o'clock, and every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society, first Thursday night of each month. Christian Endeavor meeting every Friday afternoon of each month at 8:30 o'clock.
Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on all other Sundays at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 8:30 p. m. On all Holy days services at 10:30 a. m. Adult Bible class at 2 p. m. The Guild meets on the first and third Friday of each month at 2 p. m. The Boy's Club meets on Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. The Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 8 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAR. 25, 1899.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

—Rain was a very queer day. There was sand, snow, sunshine, wind and thunder and lightning.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural implements on hand.

—Read the "ad" of Administrator's Sale of Personal Property of Isaac Calkins on Monday, April 3d.

—The first shad for Middletown appeared in market on Thursday. They were large and fine, selling for 80 cents.

—Have you seen the new store—Messrs. Reynolds & Copp, proprietors? They invite inspection. Read advertisement in another column.

—An explosion at the powder mills across the Delaware river at Wilmington killed three men and seriously wounded several others on Wednesday.

—The county has accepted Glen's bridge between Townsend and this town, and an appropriation of \$500 was made to pay for same.

—New Castle fishermen are anxiously awaiting the opening of the shad season, which is backward this year. Last year the season began on March 13th.

—The Road Commissioners of St. Georges Hundred invite proposals for the road between this town and the Delaware river, on Monday by electing Mr. Pleasanton president and Mr. Alston, secretary.

—PLANTS FOR SALE.—2000 Cold Frame Cabbage Plants for sale at \$2.50 per thousand. Orders by mail receive prompt attention. E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Delaware.

—John Frick, of Newark, was forced to shoot at a pair of black horses. The horses had been sick for four weeks, having strangled themselves in a snow drift in the recent blizzard.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinkle's Studio.

—The New Castle County Superior Court on Monday divorced Roland Ripberger from Ella C. Ripberger, the women having left her husband and gone to New York City.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the Transcript office.

—Prof. W. H. Morrison, of Wilmington, and Thomas J. Blackford, of the Academy, at Ocean City, Pa., will hold a military and preparatory school in Brighton.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, Newark Street.

—Eng-neers have taken soundings and surveys in the neighborhood of Edgemore and Golden Heights, and found a suitable site, about the site of the new bridge, of which H. G. Morse is the head, decide to locate there.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock.

—One of a pair of horses driven by W. H. Collins from Smyrna to Middletown laid down before starting breaking four of its ribs. He took the horses to Smyrna on Saturday and hopes to be able to use it in six or seven weeks.

—Try a Quaker Bath Cabinet. Price \$5.00. Cabinet delivered to you. Send order to F. C. West, Agent, Middletown, Del.

—The managers of the Delaware Fair Association decided to hold the State Fair this year on September 5, 6, 7, and 8, considerably earlier than heretofore. They have a state fund of \$1,800, and will increase their committees on awards.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Mrs. Fannie Lockwood will have her opening of Spring Millinery, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1st. She will show you a large variety of the newest styles in Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery at the lowest prices. Give her a call and you will be convinced.

—If you are thinking of buying a wheel step at J. H. Burrows before looking elsewhere, and see his line comprising of Columbian, Hartford, Vedette, Robins, Ideals, Winners, Relys, Winwoods and others. Headquarters for Sundries.

—Two horses attached to a farm wagon belonging to Mr. Harry Griffith, of Bensenville, Md., while standing at the lumber yard near the depot were frightened by the cars and ran away. They got as far as John Armstrong's store on Main Street where one of the horses fell and was secured by Mr. Griffith. No damage was done to the team.

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—Mrs. J. H. Mendinall and her father, Mr. C. P. Coburn, have selected a lot for building on the east side of South Broad street, opposite the residence of Mr. James H. Hoffer. Two Wilmington contractors each bid the same on the building, \$2,975. It is probable that Messrs. Talbot Brothers, of Laurel, will be awarded the contract. Who will be the next to build? Houses are in demand in town.

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WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE.

Wilmington Conference is perhaps the largest representative religious body on the peninsula which it embraces. It assembled in the historical church at Cambridge, Md., on Wednesday, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia, presiding. Organization was effected by the reelection of the former officers with few exceptions.

The reports of the presiding officers are among the most interesting features. Dover District, Dr. C. S. Baker, elder, embraces nearly all of Dorchester and Caroline counties, Md., and most of Kent and Sussex counties, Del. It has 44 pastoral charges, and eight camp meetings were held last year. Camden, Rehoboth, Concord, Sand Hill, Jarvis Woods, Zion, Whistley's and Randall's. There were 900 conversions reported, Galeshead leading with 218. Twelve appointments increased the pastor's salary, \$11,000 was paid on improvements and \$7,000 on old debt.

The Wilmington District embraces New Castle County, Del., and Cecil county, Md. Dr. Robert Watt, elder. The churches of the district raised \$27,845 on improvements and debt. There were 700 conversions. The district held three camp meetings: Leslie, Brandywine Summit, Woodlawn. Mrs. Julia Brewer has been elected to the church at Delaware City property valued at \$7,000 to be used as a parsonage.

The Wilmington District represents the Eastern District reported 725 conversions and an aggregated increase in salaries of \$1,225, or an average of \$39.00. He referred to local opinion prospects in Delaware as follows: "An earnest effort was made by a few parties to have the late Legislature of Delaware pass a law which would have the of the run power stamped enough of the members to insure defeat, and Delaware is in the license system for four years more at least. In Delaware there is a deplorable lack of temperance sentiment, and what does exist has no force of concentration."

Dr. T. B. Martindale, elder, reported Salisbury District. There have been 400 conversions and \$17,000 has been raised for church improvements.

Union Church, of Wilmington, and Elkton both desire the services of Rev. T. E. Terry. But little is said of changes in appointments which will be made at the close of Conference early next week.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB.

At the last meeting the names of Mrs. Joshua Clayton, Miss Annie Gibbs and Mrs. Richard Cann having been previously proposed, were voted in as associate members of the club.

Mrs. W. Kennedy gave a clever and thoroughly modern criticism of "Ironbore," and of Scott's works in general, in which, while showing his many faults, she predicted that he will still continue to be read and loved. Her paper was followed by a reading from "Ironbore" describing Rebecca's choice of a champion, read by Mrs. W. B. Biggs; a selection from "The Lady of the Lake" by Mrs. Charles Derickson, another from "Marmion" by Miss Mary Rothwell; another from "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" by Miss Annie Ellison. Next week Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr., will give a review of "Mill on the Floss," and Miss Parvis an article on "George Eliot." On the evening of April 4th a dramatic entertainment, which gives every indication of being one of unusual merit, will be given in the Opera House, for the benefit of the club. Admission 25 cents to all parts of the house, and tickets may be obtained from any club member.

MCCOY-CARTER.

Mr. William C. McCoy and Miss Sallie Carter were quietly married at the M. E. parsonage in Odessa, Monday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The Rev. W. O. Hurst officiating; only the relatives of the contracting parties and a few friends being present. The bride was very becomingly gowned in the new shade of tan poplin, trimmed with white satin velvet, with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore conventional black. Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home in Odessa. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy will reside on the farm formerly occupied by Mr. Lee Roy Roberts, on the road leading from Odessa to Fieldboro. They have the best wishes of their numerous friends for a long and prosperous married life.

Trolley Road In Sight.

The Philadelphia syndicate which for the past four years has been examining into the feasibility of building a trolley line between Milford and Woodland Beach has been stirred into renewed activity by the action of the recent legislative session in passing the General Corporation Law. A meeting of the syndicate was held in Philadelphia last week, when it was decided to begin operation at once and it is to be built immediately, and the corporations state that cars will be running on a portion of the route by December 1st. The syndicate state that the road will be pushed forward with all possible haste. Its erection means dollars and cents to the citizens of Kent county, especially to the farmers. The road will be a great benefit to the public in many ways. Woodland Beach will become much larger resort, and the freight rate will be considerably cheaper than those that now exist. A trolley road has long been needed in this county, but a majority of the citizens of Kent have given up the idea of its ever being built. The syndicate's plans to build once the road which has been talked about for years will be put into effect. It is to be built from Philadelphia to Delmar, and it would prove a paying investment.—Smyrna Call.

Charged To Liquor.

Joe Wright, the young negro who was executed at Cheltenham yesterday for the murder of William Newcomb, according to the Centreville "Observer," said: "I was born in Cecil county in June, 1877, and previous to moving to Kent worked for Messrs. Smith, Burdett, Thomas Gardner, J. B. Hoesinger, William Bonwill and others. I never made a custom of drinking and did not own a pistol. There were three of us fellows coming from Kennedyville, where we got some liquor, and one of the boys said his pistol was too heavy and I took it. I had no idea of shooting anyone, and especially Uncle Bill Newcomb, as we never had any trouble. It was liquor that made me do it. I had never been drunk before."

"My parents live in Cecil. I have not heard from them since I left. My mother was here a year ago but I have not heard from her since the date of my death was fixed. I expect her here in a few days. I am the only child. I would not mind dying if I did not know the day."

Highly Recommended.

MONTICELLO, DEL., March 16, 1899.—Mrs. A. Wallace Winsthorpe, recommends Hood's Sarsaparilla very highly. She says she has been taking it for some time and thinks it cannot be excelled. Hood's Sarsaparilla is unequalled as a blood purifying medicine and a remedy for all diseases that have their origin in impure or depleted blood. As a spring medicine it is the best that money can buy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The annual meeting of the Delaware Sunday School Association will be held in Smyrna, from April 6 to 7. Over 300 schools will be represented. The session will open at 10:15 o'clock, when the convention will be called to order. This will be followed by a devotional service. The address of welcome will be delivered by the Rev. C. A. Hill of Smyrna. The response will be made by President H. S. Golday. The music of the convention will be in charge of Jacob T. Clymer of Wilmington.

The program follows:
Devotional exercises.
Reports of officers—Executive committee, C. H. Cantwell, chairman; treasurer, E. A. Finley; statistical secretary, Aubrey Vandever; chairman of county associations; chairman of city associations.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
2 p. m.—Song service.
2:15 p. m.—Devotional exercises.
2:30 p. m.—Topic, "What Are We Here For?" Rev. J. W. Esley, discussion.
3:15 p. m.—Topic, "The Book, the Teacher, the Child," discussion.
4 p. m.—Topic, "The Sensible Use of Lesson Helps," Rev. G. H. Trull; discussion. Singing and adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING.
7:15 p. m.—Song service.
7:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises.
7:45 p. m.—Address, "A Bird's-eye View of the Field," Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D.
8:30 p. m.—Address, "Decision Day in the Sunday School," William K. Crosby. Singing and adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING.
9 a. m.—Song service, devotional exercises.
9:20 a. m.—Reports of convention committees, election of officers.
10 a. m.—Committee adjourn to separate conferences; conference of pastors meets in classroom, first floor.
10:30 a. m.—The pastor's responsibility in the mental and spiritual equipment of his Sunday school teachers. Rev. W. W. Sharp.

11 a. m.—Topic, "How can the Sunday school be harnessed to the varied interests of the church?" Rev. P. C. Jennings. Conference of superintendent and officers, meets in classroom, first floor; presided over by William K. Crosby.

10 a. m.—Topic, "The Sunday School Superintendent's Soft Snap," J. Elmer Perry.

11 a. m.—Topic, "The superintendent's relation to definite results in the Sunday school," Frank Sheppard.

Conference of teachers, meets in the Auditorium; presided over by J. H. Appleby.

10 a. m.—Topic, "Soul-winning in the Sunday School," H. M. Moore.

10 a. m.—Topic, "Teachers' meetings importance, benefits and methods," Peter B. Ayars.

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2:15 p. m.—Reports from state department superintendents held in the morning department. Mrs. Lottie V. Brookman, second, state normal department, Rev. V. S. Collins; third, primary department, Mrs. W. K. Crosby.

3 p. m.—Report on hundred associations. Aubrey Vandever.

3:15 p. m.—Reports from secretaries of separate conferences held in the morning. 8:30 p. m.—Topic, "The Teacher Between Sundays," F. P. Causey, discussion.

4 p. m.—Topic, "Who knows how to retain that boy in school?" W. L. Pettigall; discussion. Singing and adjournment.

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8 p. m.—Address, "The Teachers High Calling," W. L. Pettigall, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Institute, Coatesville, Pa.

9 p. m.—Singing; minute gems from the delegates; adjournment.

Unclaimed Letters.
A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs. Annie Armstrong, Miss Mary Clark, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Edith Medford, T. H. Cozette.

Married.

WATERS—GUMFORD. On Wednesday, March 23, 1899, at the Forest Presbyterian Manse, Middletown, Del., by the Rev. F. H. Moore, Mr. Robert E. Waters and Miss Mamie Guesford, both of Townsend, Del.

Perfect Health.
Keep the system in perfect order by the occasional use of Tutt's Liver Pills. They regulate the bowels and produce a Vigorous Body. For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

BRIDGE LUMBER!

Proposals will be received until 6 o'clock P. M. APRIL 1st, 1899, for the furnishing of 6000 feet of Oak Bridge Plank, from six inches to twelve inches in width, twelve feet long by six inches, twenty feet long, 1000 feet White Oak Stringers, six inches by six inches, twenty feet long, 1500 feet White Oak Stringers, six inches by eight inches, twenty feet long. Proposals to be addressed to J. C. Alston, Clerk, at the Board Commissioners' office, 1890, on or before April 1st, 1899.

J. C. ALSTON, Clerk.

Administrator's Sale
OF
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The undersigned Administrator of Isaac Calkins, deceased, will sell at Public Sale at his late residence, on the public road leading from Dogtown to Bilkton Church.

On Monday, April 3d, 1899
His entire Personal Property, to-wit:

